STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES BEFORE THE STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

Boundary Commission

Docket #96-AR-4

The proposed annexation of territory in Vernon Township to the City of Durand

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS, FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER

This matter of the proposed annexation of the following territory in Vernon Township to the City of Durand and described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T6N-R4E, Vernon Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point N89°59'54"W on the North line of said Section 16 a distance of 1058.85 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 16; thence S00°49'16"E 591.02 feet; thence N89°59'54"W 200.0 feet; thence N00°49'16"W 591.01 feet; thence S89°59'54"E a distance of 200.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

This matter came before State Boundary Commissioners VerBurg, Walker and Rutledge, and Shiawassee County Commissioner Harris for final adjudication in Lansing, on Thursday, August 21, 1997. The Commission, being fully advised as to the positions of the respective parties, made its findings on said date.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

- A. On January 30, 1996, a petition was filed by the City of Durand for the annexation of a portion of Vernon Township into the Home Rule City of Durand.
- B. On **July 16, 1996,** an adjudicative meeting of the State Boundary Commission was held in Lansing to determine the legal sufficiency of the petition. The petition was declared to be legally sufficient, pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended, and Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended.
- C. On August 27, 1996, a public hearing was held in Vernon Township to receive testimony given pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended.
- D. On February 27, 1997, an adjudicative meeting of the State Boundary Commission was held in Lansing to make a decision based on the information received. However, a decision was postponed.

E. On August 21, 1997, an adjudicative meeting of the State Boundary Commission was held in Lansing to make a decision based on the information received.

INFORMATION TO BE NOTICED

- 1. The City requested annexation because the territory proposed for annexation constituted a logical extension of the City of Durand boundaries.
- 2. The City and the Township reported that they are negotiating an agreement concerning the territory proposed for annexation.
- 3. The **City**, through its designated attorney, requested the State Boundary Commission to deny this annexation petition.

THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT

1. **Vernon Township** and the **City of Durand** are negotiating an agreement concerning the property proposed for annexation and the **City of Durand**, through its designated attorney, has requested that the petition be denied.

IN CONCLUSION, THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT

- 1. The Commission has considered the information contained in the record of this docket in terms of the criteria stipulated under Section 9 of Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended.
- 2. On August 21, 1997, at an adjudicative meeting held in Lansing, State Boundary Commissioners VerBurg, Walker and Rutledge and Shiawassee County Commissioner Harris voted unanimously to recommend to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services that the proposed annexation be denied.
- 3. On August 21, 1997, at an adjudicative meeting held in Lansing, State Boundary Commissioners VerBurg, Walker and Rutledge and Shiawassee County Commissioner Harris voted to approve the Findings of Fact and Order and to recommend that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services sign the order.

ORDER

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IT IS ORDERED THAT this order denying the annexation of certain territory in Vernon Township into the Home Rule City of Durand shall be final and effective on the date signed by the Director of the Department of Consumer & Industry Services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Executive Director shall forthwith transmit a certified copy of these Findings of Fact and Order to the Petitioner and to the clerks of the City of Durand, Vernon Township, and Shiawassee County.

Kathleen M. Wilbur, Director

Department of Consumer & Industry Services

Date